GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OPERATION BY UNAUTHORISED AGENCIES AT IGI AIRPORT
MINATI SEN;P. RAJENDRAN;SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether unauthorised ground agencies are working at the domestic and international terminals of IGI Airport in the Capital;

(b) whether the officials from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security conniving with the staff of such ground handling illegal agencies, are issuing them passes on regular basis; and

(c) if so, the corrective measures being taken to curb such activities specially in the light of Kandahar high jacking incident of December, 1999?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c) :- Certain private agencies have been entrusted with ground handling functions by airlines under self-handling. This issue was examined and it was decided that till the new Ground Handling Regulations were notified, those agencies may be permitted to provide these services, which meet the conditions laid down by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Moreover, Hon`ble Delhi High Court has permitted the existing ground handling agencies to continue their opedrations at IGI Airport. Hence, it is incorrect to say that the officials of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) are conniving with the staff of these agencies in issuing passes. The new AAI (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations,2000, have been notified. In accordance with these Regulations, an operator or carrier may either carry out ground handling service at an airport by itself or engage the services of
(i) the Airports Authority of India,
(ii) the two national carriers Air India and Indian Airlines and
(iii) any other handling agency licensed by AAI. Apart from the above, M/s. Cambata Aviation (P) Limited are carrying out ground handling services at international airports. AAI have initiated the process of selecting private companies for providing ground handling services in a cost efficient and competitive manner, at international airports. Government has also decided to strictly enforce the provision that private security agencies should not be permitted for providing security services to airlines.